

CODIFY COURSE OF STUDY FOR CITY SCHOOLS

School Authorities Complete Book Designed to Promote Efficiency.

A definite course of study for the public schools has just been worked out by Commissioner H. D. Huffaker and Supt. C. H. Winder, of the department of education. The course has been compiled and put into book form and is now being distributed among the city school teachers. While the course is practically the same thing that has been followed in the Chattanooga schools for the past two or three years, this is the first time it has been codified and set out in printed form. Supt. Winder states that the most valuable point that can be derived from this new work, is that it will put into the hands of every public school teacher in this city as a definite guide for her work for the entire year.

In getting up the course of study both the commissioner and superintendent have been working on it at various times for the past four years and feel that they now have it up to such a standard that will be worth while for the future education of the children of this city.

When a new teacher steps into the schools, she will be supplied with one of the books in which she will find the entire course of study to be followed for every subject that is taught in the school.

In speaking of the new form, Supt. Winder says: "For a number of years we have recognized the need of an organized and carefully worked out course of study. In harmony with such a conviction many of our special and regular meetings have been devoted to the task of evolving and outlining a guide for classroom instruction. Last year committees were appointed and the results of previous investigations were received and co-ordinated."

"Our contribution is the result of the study of local needs, and summarizes the experiences and opinions of the teaching corps. We should not regard it as a finished product, for, if a course of study is to function in a community, it must vary in proportion to the evolving necessities. Education is life, and life means growth. Such a condition cannot exist without changes, substitutions and eliminations. It is our duty to consider the personal equation of every child

and take into account individual relationships to the social, economic and industrial activities of the community. With this object clearly before us, it will be our pleasure to criticize our own efforts and file with the department from time to time suggestions and corrections for the next edition."

POSTAL EMPLOYEES HERE HOPING FOR ADVANCE

Glad Bankhead Bill Favorably Reported, but Prefer Moon Salary Measure.

The senate committee has reported favorably on the Bankhead measure, calling for increases in salaries of clerks, carriers and supervisors who are now receiving over \$1,500 annually. It also calls for increases of 20 per cent. to employees who receive \$800 or less, and a 15 per cent. increase for those who receive from \$500 to \$1,500 annually.

The senate is now considering the bill and all of its amendments. H. H. Meroney, of the Chattanooga postoffice, said today that while the bankhead measure, in the event of its becoming a law, would prove a direct benefit to the postal employees here, and throughout the country in general, the majority of employees are in favor of the House-Moon bill, which provides for a minimum of \$1,000 and a maximum of \$1,500.

APPROPRIATE PROGRAM IN HONOR OF PARENTS

Special Program at Highland Park M. E. Church, South, Sunday Morning.

Parents' day will be observed at the Highland Park M. E. church, south, corner of Beech street and Union avenue, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, with J. F. Holbert, superintendent of the Sunday school, as the leader of the exercises.

A special program has been arranged for the occasion. This will include musical numbers, vocal and instrumental; readings; addresses; and other numbers. The address will be delivered by Mr. Holbert.

Indications are that the exercises will be largely attended.

Latest News in World of Books

BY FRANCES FORT BROWN

"A Text Book of Precious Stones."

By Frank B. Wade, B. S.

For jewelers and the gem-loving public. How Henry Ward Beecher would have enjoyed it! For it is said that Beecher carried in his pocket some interesting jewels, which he would take out and study as 1 seeking inspiration. Prof. Wade's chapter on identifying genuine stones is delightful. He says so many wonderful things about the diamond that surely every woman who reads it will take off her neglected rings and send them for strange as they may seem, diamond rings are attended to every day. Certainly the scientific side of the diamond appeals to the imagination. By Arabs have a legend which calls the diamond an angry stone which should be allowed to associate with the other stones, lest it scratch them, which we know it can do. The large family of gems is composite, the diamond alone being carbon only. The curious composites are fascinating. Take one example, "Tourmaline." Russian has this pretty bit about it, "The Ethics of the Dust," where Mary asks, "And what is it made of?" "A little of everything; precious always, flint (silica) and opal (alumina) and magnesia in it, and the iron, according to its fancy; and there's boracic acid, if you know what that is, and, if you don't, I cannot tell you today, and it doesn't signify; and there's potash and soda, and on the whole the chemistry of it is more like a medieval doctor's prescription than the making of a respectable mineral."

Altogether, an astonishing number of things may be enjoyed and learned from "A Text Book of Precious Stones." It appeals to the highly cultured, especially those who have had some money to spend and leisure to consider the quality of their purchases. It is a book of history and art, and it takes time to truly appreciate the cabochon, though some may consider that taste merely an affection.

"The Passport Invisible."

By Percy Poore Sheehan; Doran.

Very well written and with interest sustained to the end. It is the story of an enthusiast of a patriot of the type who thinks anything right that will help one's country. The scene is in Europe, the dramatic personae a nest of spies, sometimes pretending to be working for the Germans, while really being in the service of France. Into this choice coterie (for spies are not attractive) drops a little old lady of 80 from Vermont. In the course of events she gets some valuable papers meant for the president of the United States. Now this old lady is very sentimental and carries old love letters in her bosom, one from her husband, killed in the Civil war, another from a son killed in the Spanish-American war. These she uses with telling effect, and the way that old lady told one lie after another, always talking of religion, is a psychological curiosity. She won't everybody's heart with her mother talk and saintliness. German generals and French generals saluted her, and the pretty girl spy and her lover spy were melted to the marrow by her sweetness. Well, an angel is supposed to go with the old lady and be her "passport invisible." Some might think it a slander on any angel that he would favor every kind of deceit, even if the dear old lady does finally get to Washington and hands her precious papers to President Wilson, and tells him all about her husband and her son. She is from Vermont—all the old ladies who talk a great deal about their heroes are not Confederate daughters. All the same, it is a lively story, and the old lady well drawn, if she does have a remarkable talent for fooling the men, and herself.

Spring Books.

As usual in spring, the New York Times' book review section publishes a list of 300 of the leading books of the past year. Some figures it gives in this connection are of interest. The total of the publications of the forty leading publishing houses during the last year was 1,562. Fiction leads the list, as always, in the selected 300, and there is great increase of poems and plays, and books on gardening are numerous. Books on the war are so numerous that, except a few novels and some verses, they have been excluded from the list of 300 and given a special list of their own. They even exceed books of fiction, numbering 321 of the 1,562 gotten out by the 40 publishing houses, as against 257 works of fiction. Books on religion are 110, a much larger percentage than usual, and there are many mystery stories, either of the ghost or detective variety. Indeed, many men of many minds can be suited.

A few of the "leading 300" are in fiction: "The Kentucky Warbler" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), by James Lane Allen; "The White Morning" (Fred A. Stokes), by Gertrude Atherton; "The Courage of Marge O'Donoghue" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), by James Oliver Curwood; "The Old Madhouse" (Henry Holt & Co.), by William de Morgan, his last and finished by his wife after his death; "Five Tales" (Charles Scribner's Sons), by John Galsworthy; "Great Ghost Stories" (Dodd, Mead & Co.), with a preface by Prof. Hyslop, secretary Society for Physical Research (will be approve of its being under the head of "Fiction") "Pieces of Eight" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), by Richard Le Gallienne; "Branded" (Scribner's Sons), by Francis Lynde; "Mashi and Other Stories" (Macmillan Co.), by Sir Rabindranath Tagore; "Hope Trueblood" (Henry Holt & Co.), by Patience Worth, and written by a cult board. Last year produced no great sensation in fiction. Sociology, business and government: "History of Labor in the United States," by John R. Commons and collaborators, published by the Macmillan Co.; "Helping the Helpless in Lower New York" (Fleming H. Revell Co.), by Lucy S. Baldwin; "The New Voter" (Putnam), by C. W. Thompson.

Biography and history: "John Pory's Description of Plymouth Colony" (Houghton, Mifflin Co.), much praised and said to contain hitherto unpublished material; "A Short Story of Rome" (Putnam's Sons), by Guglielmo Ferrero; "Armenia" (Marr's Nation), (Fleming H. Revell Co.), by M. C. Gabriellian; "Tolstoy" (Noyes, Duffield & Co.), by George Rapall; "Japan: The Rise of a Modern Power" (Oxford University Press), by Robert P. Porter.

Travel and description: "A Guide to the National Parks of America" (Robert McBride & Co.), edited by E. F. Allen, a guide to our true wonders; "The Virgin Islands" (J. B. Lippincott Co.), by Theodore de Booy and J. T. Farris, and everybody should read about our new possessions, for which we paid more than \$200 an acre; "Our Hawaii" (Macmillan Co.), by Charnian Kittredge. This travel and description list is charming, and the public will have to read of these places, as travel for pleasure is frowned upon

these war times.

Poetry and drama: One or two of the many are "Roses" (Macmillan Co.), by John Massfield; "Memories of Vision" (Macmillan), by Thomas Hardy; "Evening Hours" (John Lane Co.), by the Belgian poet Emile Verhaeren; "Collected Works of Padraic Pearse," Gaelic poet and mystic (Fred A. Stokes Co.).

Miscellaneous: "The Last Days of Jesus Christ" (E. P. Dutton & Co.), by Lyman Abbott; "On the Threshold of the Unseen" (E. P. Dutton & Co.), by Sir William F. Barrett; "The Negro in Literature and Art" (Duffield & Co.), by B. Brawley; "A History of Italian Furniture" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), by William M. Odum; "A Year With the Birds" (Dodd, Mead & Co.), by Alice E. Ball, full of pictures; "Diary of Flowers" (Fred A. Stokes Co.), by Sarah Gildersleeve; "Camp Craft" (Scribner's Sons), by Warren H. Miller.

War books in the 300 list: "Voices of Our Leaders" (Hinds, Hayden & Ethridge), addresses of President Wilson, Secretary Lane and others; "A Survey of International Relations Between the United States and Germany," by J. B. Scott; "With Our Soldiers in France" (Associated Press), by Sherwood Eddy; "Conscript 2888" (Dodd, Mead & Co.), "Belgium in War Time" (George H. Doran Co.), by Commandant de Gerfache de Gometry; "A Crusader of France" (E. P. Dutton Co.), by Capt. Belmont; "German Atrocities" (Fleming H. Revell), by Newell Dwight Hillis; "Lord Northcliffe's War Book" (George H. Doran Co.), by Lord Northcliffe; "War and Revolution in Russia" (Houghton, Mifflin Co.), by John Pollock; "Tasputin and the Russian Revolution" (John Lane Co.), by Princess Radziwill; "Serbia Crucified" (Houghton, Mifflin Co.), by Lieut. Krumich; "The Real Front" (Harper & Bros.), by A. H. Chute.

Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine.

The February number is so remarkably good (if it does come late) that the editor deserves credit. It is beautifully printed (by the J. B. Lippincott Co.), with clear, large type and excellent pictures. Two articles deserve especial praise. One is "Washington and Custer's Heirlooms" by Natalie Sumner Lincoln. It opens by telling how bored Washington was with people who wanted to paint his portrait—at least twenty-eight celebrated painters did it. No wonder he was bored! There are delightful pictures of many heirlooms, including the solid silver cup with his coat-of-arms on it, carried by Washington all through his campaigns. These heirlooms are in the sentimental taste of our ancestors—heart-shaped lockets, locks of hair, etc.

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